

IN THE CLAIMS

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12. (Original) An automatic packaging machine for forming a latching flip-top box from a blank, comprising:

a conveyor system;  
a plurality of mandrels coupled to the conveyor system, each of the plurality of mandrels comprising:

    a mounting block for coupling the mandrel to the automatic packaging machine,

    a package-holding assembly operatively connected to the mounting block, the package-holding assembly rotatable about a first axis from a first position to a second position; and

    a flap holder assembly operatively connected to the mounting block, the flap holder assembly rotatable about a second axis substantially perpendicular to the first axis,

    a plurality of plows, each of the plurality of plows manipulating a portion of the blank in order to form portions of the box; and

    a plurality of tucker assemblies, each of the plurality of plows manipulating a portion of the blank in order to form portions of the box.

13. (Original) The automatic packaging machine of claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of mandrels includes a lateral support member coupled to the mounting block, wherein the package-holding assembly is rotatably connected to the lateral support member.

14. (Original) The automatic packaging machine of claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of mandrels includes means for maintaining the package-holding assembly in the first position relative to the lateral support member.

15. (Original) The automatic packaging machine of claim 14, wherein the maintaining means comprises a latching member coupled to the lateral support member, the latching member releaseably mating with a bushing on the package-holding assembly.

16. (Original) The automatic packaging machine of claim 12, wherein the package-holding assembly comprises a plurality of gripping arms, the plurality of gripping arms selectively permitting a package blank to be captured by the package-holding assembly.

17. (Original) The automatic packaging machine of claim 16, wherein the package-holding assembly further comprises a guide mechanism positioned within the plurality of gripping arms, the guide mechanism holding the package blank during the assembly thereof.

18. (Original) The automatic packaging machine of claim 13, wherein the flap holder assembly includes a plurality of side arms for manipulating portions of the blank.

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